

HEAD'S WEEKLY REVIEW



Head's Introduction

Dear Parents,

This week was an important week in terms of student leadership. We appointed our new team of School Knights and student leaders in the school. It was a very difficult choice to make between a lot of very worthy applicants who had a range of ideas of how they would contribute to the leadership of the school. I would like to thank all girls who have been part of the process for having the courage to put themselves through the application process. I am delighted to announce our new team of student leaders, who were presented with their badges during this morning's whole school assembly:

School Knights: Raphaella McDavitt-Lowe and Olivia Cheung

Sports Captain: Lucy Nottage

Music Captain: Nancy Dai

Charity Captain: Abbie Ring

Head of Boarding: Judy Go

Vice Head of Boarding: Lotte Hanne

Standard Bearers: Issy Andrews, Jessica Brialey, Emily Davison, Grace Fuller, Ellyce Holmes, Molly Kierle, Gigi Leung, Ellie Mizen, Olivia Stewart, Vivien Tam and Ches Tann

It was great to see so many parents at our end of term assembly this morning. We were treated to a snapshot of achievements from the last few months. The girls did a brilliant job, as always.

I hope everyone has a restful break and a Happy Easter, alongside with all the revision that will be done for girls sitting public examinations after the holidays.

I look forward to seeing everyone back in boarding on Monday 16 April and in lessons on Tuesday 17 April.

Best wishes

Mrs Elodie Vallantine
Head of School

A 'Dream' Performance

The main school production this year was an adaptation of Shakespeare's immortal 'A Midsummer Night's Dream', but set in 1950s London rather than Athens in 1605!

The cast included a brilliant four-piece Rock 'n' Roll band, the Sharpshooters, which included Victoria Wallner on guitar and Mr Sharp on a stand up bass. A three piece a capella singing group, The Mohoettes, made up of Lana Harffey-Burkhill, Maya Klein and Rachel Sekibo, sang a number of great pop classics including 'Mr Sandman' and 'Chapel of Love', beautifully.

The entire cast were magnificent but certain members of it need special mention: Carys Clarke as an assured and panto-villain like Oberon; Grace Russell as her truculent teen sidekick, Puck; Lotte Hanne as an ephemeral Titania. The lovers were Olivia Stewart, Lily Jenden, Raphy McDavitt-Lowe and Emily Davison, the last of whom sang a number of solo numbers magnificently. Natalya Chance doubled up as Lord Theo and a St. Trinian with Chloe Dain as her bride Polly, while the mechanicals were comprised of Trinity Talkington, Amelia Baldock, Teni Ogunlesi, Kate Shortell and Amelia Finch-Mitchell.

The part of Bottom is vital to any production of 'The Dream' and in this case the talents of Megan Clarke were shown to jaw dropping effect. She was, quite simply, hilarious and had a large proportion of the audience in tears of laughter.



Unsung Heroes

Many wonderful things happen at Roedean Moira House each week, about which many are perhaps unaware. This section is dedicated to the 'unsung heroes', in order to draw our attention to these people and to remind us that our community is special.



Harriet Stone in Year 3 who turns up every week at 7am for pre-school swimming, which shows outstanding dedication.



Freya Mason and Imogen Devlin in Year 6 for trying really hard and learning their spellings.



Amelie Machan in Year 6, for working so hard to produce some of the props in the fantastic production of Dream Dream Dream.



May Fogarty-Stevens in Year 7, who loves Drama and is excellent at it, but spends a lot of her own time, helping a fellow student to access the task at hand each week and is so patient with her. May is a very selfless girl.



Teni Ogunlesi in Year 8, for her commitment and effort to learning in Spanish.



Esme and Hope Wheatley in Year 9 are fantastic girls all-round and should be celebrated for their hard work and kindness.



A Final Word From Our Outgoing School Knights

The girls have been busy yet again this week, especially with Dream Dream Dream. We both came to watch the show and were truly amazed by the performance. Well done to everyone involved!

Before we hand over to the next School Knights after Easter, we wanted to use this chance to summarise the things we have done and to thank everyone for your help and support.

Firstly, through the Student Council we have increased the student voice throughout the school. Thank you to student council members for being so reliable and involved in this scheme.

Amongst other things, we feel we have increased the communication this year across the school, and are sure the next Knights will continue to do this. We have loved seeing you all in assembly and joining in with activities of different year groups.

Also, we would like to thank the MHA for their hard work this year and for involving us in meetings and events.

Thank you to all the staff at school, especially Mrs Vallantine, Mrs Graham, and the Heads of Sections. You have all helped us to implement our ideas this year, which we are very grateful for.

Last but not least, thank you to all the girls and parents who have made our time as Knights so memorable. We will both still be around during the Summer Term and are happy to help with anything.

We hope you all have a fantastic Easter and a well-deserved break. See you all when you get back!



Jade Biss & Poppy Horne

Eastbourne In-Bloom

Girls in Year 4 represented our school in the annual Eastbourne In-Bloom Competition last week at the Town Hall. This year the focus was 'Fishing In-Bloom' to highlight the global conversation around plastic waste polluting our seas and the destruction it causes to marine life.

The girls spent some time studying sea life in Sussex and some of the dangers to the food chain and natural environment. Year 4 created a design that included a fish trapped inside a plastic bag. They all enjoyed discussing their work, with the judges and the Mayor, Councillor Pat Hearn.



Lemonade Night in Boston

They say that when life gives you lemons, you make lemonade... and Boston House girls found that this was exactly the case.

On Monday night, the Boarders took a break from Maths revision and packing to try out Ms Justice's secret family recipe! It was a big hit, or in the words of Evdokia, 'Wow, it's SO good!'

In the summer term, it will be very refreshing and very much in demand! Our current Charity Captain, Rachel Sekibo, even suggested that we could find a way to use it for some fundraising. Great idea girls!



Activities - Still on the Fence?

With the New Activities programme for the Summer Term due to commence after Easter, perhaps your daughter might like to try something a little bit different? There is such a wide range of activities on offer, including Archery, Chess, Tennis, Musical Theatre, Photography, Horse Riding, Chamber Choir, Sailing, Craft, Orchestra, Astronomy, to name a few!

How about getting 'en garde!' and trying Fencing? Fencing is a fast-paced sport of lightning moves and quick thinking, fencing will fire-up your brain and speed up your feet.

Each lesson consists of fun warm-up games, footwork reaction challenges and fencing matches - including the popular 'lollipop competitions'!

Please remember to sign up for the Summer Term Activities and try something new and challenging!

Intermediate Maths Challenge

In this year's Intermediate Maths Challenge, we had nine girls who pushed themselves to participate and successfully gained certificates. It is not always the most able who do really well, many times a student who does not excel in ordinary tests and exams is able to actually use and apply her Maths skills much more effectively than the one who comes top in class testing. That is what the challenge is all about.

Six Bronze certificates went to Tiffany Li, Victoria Wallner, Yu Zheng, Nancy Teng, Alva Gao and Pally Yang. Three Silver certificates went to U-Weng Lan, Maya Klein and Jemima Soars and finally three girls achieved Gold - Yanni Liu, Dan Huang and Joy Hong. All three did so well they each gained a place in the Pink Kangaroo. Results are pending...!



Drop Everything And Read (DEAR)

Mrs Standen, our Senior Librarian, spent the last DEAR (Drop Everything And Read) of the term with girls in Year 1. They shared the books that the girls had written themselves about owls.

Mrs Standen said, "The books were beautifully illustrated, with informative contents pages and 'blurbs' and I learnt a new fact about owls as well! It really was a lovely DEAR Thursday."

DEAR occurs every Thursday morning in all groups, prior to the start of daily lessons, as protected time for girls and staff to enjoy reading.



Pre and Lower Prep Spring Concert

Girls in the Pre and Lower Prep performed in our Spring Term concert this week, showcasing their musical achievements from both the classroom and specialist lessons. We were treated to solo and ensemble pieces, including singing, piano, recorder, violin and percussion. It was a very impressive display of young talent, which we look forward to seeing develop in the future.

We also bid a fond farewell to Mr Roadknight and thanked him for all this hard work with the girls whilst he covered Miss Smith's maternity leave.



Netball Round Up

Our U12A team finished their season with a good game of netball against Roedean School. Our team showed great character and fought hard but Roedean's speed of movement made the game tough! Our team are working on passing that ball into the space, further ahead of the receiver in order to retain possession more effectively.

The U12s have had a great season, showing excellent commitment and making tremendous progress. Thank you and well done!



The U13A team finished their season with a fantastic victory against Roedean School on Wednesday. The team worked hard throughout the whole game using plays and refining skills they have learnt across the year. With some fantastic teamwork and brilliant coaching from Lauren Freitas and Teni Ogunlesi, the teams play went from strength to strength. A special mention must also go to Stephanie Vieira and Jasmine Wright who defended well against the fast attack of Roedean shooters. The final score finished with a solid win, 14 - 5 to our U13 team! Well done girls.

Mini Tennis Success

Congratulations to our U9 Mini Tennis teams for their fantastic performance in the Sussex Schools' Mini Tennis Tournament 2018. We entered 3 teams of 4 players into the competition and were delighted with the standard of tennis that they played. Our "A" and "B" teams both reached the semi-finals, following the group stages and faced one another! The "A" team progressed to meet Bede's "A" team in the final, but not without a scare after very close doubles matches. In the final, the standard of tennis, from both teams, was extremely impressive, but Bede's took the match, after some very close games, by 4 games to 2. Congratulations to Gabi Pacheco-Lagoda who won all of her matches with some very commanding tennis and to the "A" team for winning the silver medals. Thanks to Kate Shortell and Grace Russell, from Year 9, for doing such a brilliant job as team managers. Well done!

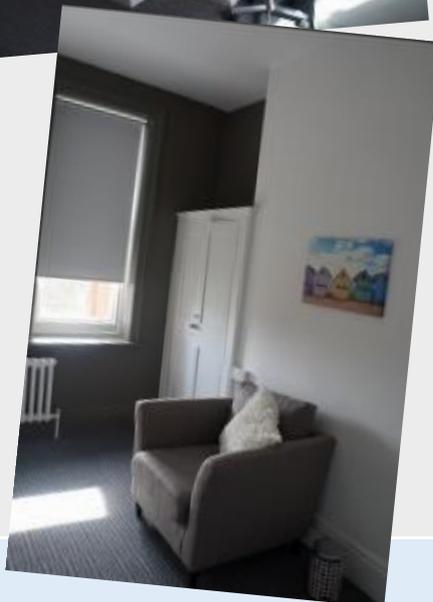
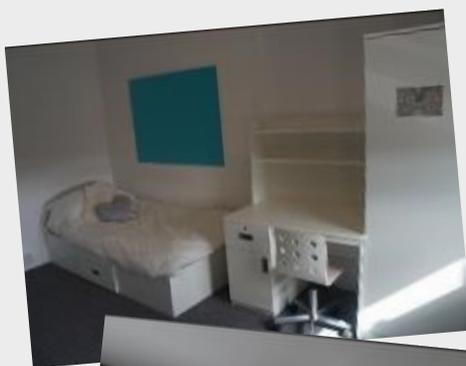


Silver Medal Winners - the "A" Team comprised: Gabriella Pacheco-Lagoda, Georgia McKay, Daisy Dunton and Isabella Putland.

Refurbishment Underway

While most of the Roedean Moira House community are enjoying their Easter break, the Maintenance Team will be starting the planned refurbishment works to Boarding accommodation in Boston House.

Bedrooms and communal areas will be overhauled and will all eventually resemble the photographs below. These show the bedroom, Osric, which has already been refurbished.



Whole School Photograph

We are inviting Prêt-a-Portrait to return to school On Monday 30 April to take a Whole School Photograph as well as Class Photos.

Any girls who were absent when the individual photographs were taken in January, will have an opportunity to have their photo taken. Please contact Mrs Graham, to arrange this at: sgraham@moirahouse.co.uk

Forthcoming Events

WEEK B

Mon 16 Apr INSET DAY
Boarders Return between 4pm - 9pm

Tue 17 Apr Summer Term Starts
Day Girls Return
Yr 11 Elevate Study Skills Workshop.
Elevate Presentations for Yr 11-13 Parents

Thu 19 Apr U16 Sussex Tennis Cup, The Dicker (a)

Sun 22 Apr Trip to Harry Potter Studios

WEEK A

Mon 23 Apr U9 Mini Tennis v Bede's (a)
Yr 7 & 8 Swimming Gala v Ardingly (a)

Tue 24 Apr Yr 9 to Big Futures Show, Eastbourne Sports Park
U10 Sussex Tennis Cup, The Dicker (a)
Yr 7&8 Swimming Gala at Ardingly (a)

Wed 25 Apr Reception Class Taster Morning
U13/U12B Cricket v Bede's (a)
U13/U12A Cricket v Bede's (a)
U10 & U11 Rounders v Burgess Hill (h)

Thu 26 Apr GSA Tennis Tournament (h)
U18 Rounders v Lancing (h)

Fri 27 Apr D of E Silver Practice Expedition
Departs

Sat 28 Apr Shopping Trip to Brighton.
D of E Bronze Practice Expedition
Departs

Sun 29 Apr Trip to Arundel Castle
D of E Bronze & Silver Practice
Expeditions Return



The "B" Team - Harriet Stone, Abigail Lester, Tea Neil and Isabella D'Abbraccio.

The "C" team - Agya Gurung, Cameron Taylor, Bethany Gander and Daisy Wheatley



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